Unemployed unskilled labourers

1772. SHRI T. T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of unemployed unskilled labourers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the unskilled labourers who form bulk of unemployed people as a result of which they are in misery; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to help the unskilled labourers who are unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Quinquennial surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation provide information on the distribution of persons in the labour force by educational qualification (technical & general). As per the survey conducted during 1999-2000 only around 5.35 per cent of the labour force have received skill training through formal vocational training institutions.

(c) Government is aware that a significant number of workers live below the poverty line.

(d) A National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill to provide 100 days of employment to each family living below poverty line in rural areas has already been tabled in Parliament.

Constitutional Right for Education and Employment

†1773. SHRIMATISAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to making education and employment a constitutional right under its consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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† Origtnal notice of the question was received in Hindi.